

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 28, 2010

In attendance at the meeting: Commission Members: John P. Chiota, Esq., Chairman; William S. Holden, Vice Chairman; Gail J. Hanna, Secretary; Russell Friedson, Daniel F. Shopick, Esq., and Paul Timpanelli.

Also present: Andy Paoletti, member of the Board of Finance; William Crooks, member of the Board of Finance; and Deborah Cox, Director of Economic Development.

Meeting Called to Order 7:00PM.

There was no approval of minutes. At the request of Chairman John Chiota, D. Shopick will review all previous minutes with the commission clerk for any amendments/approvals.

Continuing with the Charter revision:

CHAPTER VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Section 10. Board of Health

Idea #45 - Add a provision: In the event that the Town of Trumbull is joined in a regional health district, the functions of the Board of Health shall be transferred to a health district.

Idea # 46 - Obtain clarity of the Public Health Counsel.

Section 11. Flood and Erosion Commission

Idea #47 - Previously deleted in the Charter. Remove language from revised Charter.

Section 12. Economic Development Commission

Idea #48 - The First Selectman to appoint the number of members.

Section 13. Park Commission

Section 14. Recreation Commission

Idea #49 - Combine Park Commission and Recreation Commission.

Section 15. Golf Course Commission

Idea #50 - The Charter now reads: Nine (9) members appointed for a 5-year term with three (3) to expire each year. Replace with: Nine (9) members appointed for a **3-year term** with three (3) to expire each year.

Idea #51 - The Charter needs to read with more transparency and oversight with regards to the funding of the Golf Course.

Section 16. Jury Commission

Idea #52 - Delete this commission as to the absence of State Statute.

Section 17. Conservation Commission

Idea #53 - Previously deleted in the Charter. Remove language from revised Charter.

Section 18. WPCA Commission

William Crooks expressed concern relating to WPCA. "To what degree does the Sewer Commission have to certain financial authorities versus where and when should they be coming to the Board of Finance and to the Town Council?" The Charter needs to clarify.

Idea #54 - Delete last two sentences of paragraph.

Section 19. Housing Authority

Idea #55 - Should the makeup of the Board of Stern Village be formalized in the Charter?

Section 20. Civil Service

Idea #56 - Civil Service to be combined with Human Resource.

Section 21. Pension Board

Idea #57 - "Documentation" replaced with "**documented**".

Section 22. Ethics Commission

Idea #58 - Thirty (30)-day requirement to be changed to sixty (60) days.

Section 23. Arts Commission

Idea #59 - The term does not tie in with the number of members.

Section 24. Emergency Medical Services Commission

Idea #60 - B. *Powers and duties*. Delete the last sentence beginning with "The Commission shall have the authority to design," etc..

Section 28. Official conduct

B. Gratuities. – 4th line "which might appear" replace language with "**no elected or appointed official of town should accept any compensation**". Or move the new language under the Ethics Commission.

Idea #61 - Take out the reference to Civil Service, if eliminated, as well as take it out of Ethics Commission.

Section 29. Public meetings and records

Russell Friedson will draft new language and submit to the Commission.

The Commission will continue with **CHAPTER VIII. ELECTORAL PROCESS** at the next meeting.

The Commission unanimously agreed to the future meetings scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00PM

Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7:00PM

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 7:00PM

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00PM

Respectfully submitted

Marilou Mangiamele, Clerk